

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1 of the specification, please replace the first paragraph after the title with the following:

5 CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS: This application claims priority to, and the benefit of, U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/409,684 filed, September 10, 2002, entitled "System and Method for Consolidated Storage and Data Protection," and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. This application is also related to: U.S. Patent Application XX/XXX,XXX10/659,129 filed September 10, 2003, entitled , "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTEGRATING PRIMARY DATA STORAGE WITH LOCAL AND REMOTE DATA PROTECTION" U.S. Patent Application XX/XXX,XXX10/658,978 filed September 10, 2003, entitled " METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TWO-LEVEL STORAGE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE SECURE, SHARED AND SCALABLE DISTRIBUTED DATA STORAGE AND PROTECTION;" and U.S. Patent Application XX/XXX,XXX10/659,642 filed September 10, 2003, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SERVER SHARE MIGRATION AND SERVER RECOVERY USING HIERARCHICAL STORAGE MANAGEMENT" each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.